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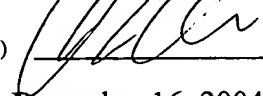


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dougherty et al.
Application No. 09/595,580
Filed: June 15, 2000
Confirmation No. 9988
For: QUANTIFYING GENE RELATEDNESS
VIA NONLINEAR PREDICTION OF
GENE EXPRESSION LEVELS
Examiner: Lori A. Clow
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, please amend the above-referenced Application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 21.

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